Karmala community—Representation in the Legislative Council.

76. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state if any representation has been made to them by the members of the Karmala community for nominating an M. L. C. from their community; if so, will the Government be pleased to nominate somebody from them?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes. The matter will be considered at the proper time. No assurance can be given now.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—May I know, Sir, roughly what is the population of Karmala community in the State?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It will be about 40,000. I speak subject to correction. I think the information is as much available to the Hon'ble Members as to me from the Census Reports.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty. — What is the principle underlying the nomination from backward classes ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The importance of the community, the status and the vested interests they have, educational qualifications, their number, etc.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—I want to know whether the fact that a certain community is unable by its status to send an elected representative, is one to be taken into consideration for giving nominations?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It is one of the factors for consideration in making the nominations.

Mohamadan School—Porkolam—Starting of.

77. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is scope for a Mohamadan school for Porkolam village;

(b) the number of Mohamadan boys studying in M. K. M. School, Porkolam?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Nil.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—What does the Government mean by a "Muhammadan School"?

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